CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A method for indicating future program action on a future program information display comprising:

providing future program information for a plurality of future programs, at least one future program being selected by a user;

providing, on a future program actions menu, a plurality of future program actions for the selected future program, at least one future program action being selected by the user;

receiving the selected at least one future program and the selected at least one future program action from the user; and

displaying the future program information of the selected at least one future program with an indicator such that the indicator indicates the selected at least one future program action.

2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the indicator is an action-descriptive icon.

3.   The method of claim 1, wherein the future program actions menu comprises features selected from the group consisting of a return feature, allowing user to navigate back to preference menu, and a help feature, allowing user to navigate to several dependent help categories, the features being able to be selected by a user.

4.   The method of claim 1, wherein the selected at least one future program is indicated by highlighting.

5.   The method of claim 1, wherein the future program actions menu is displayed in a popup window on the monitor display screen.

6.   The method of claim 1, wherein the selected at least one future program action includes actions selected from the group consisting of recording the selected at least one future program, notifying the user of the display schedule of the selected at

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least one future program, and preventing the display of the selected at least one future program.

7.   The method of claim 6, wherein the start and/or stop times of the selected at least one future program action does not match the start and/or stop times of the selected at least one future program.

8.   The method of claim 1, wherein the future program actions menu includes a source option such the selected future program action will affect all future programs from a user-specified source.

9.   A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed by at least one processor, causes the at least one processor to perform a method comprising:

providing future program information for a plurality of future programs, at least one future program being selected by a user;

providing, on a future program actions menu, a plurality of future program actions for the selected future program, at least one future program action being selected by the user;

receiving the selected at least one future program and the selected at least one future program action from the user; and

displaying the future program information of the selected at least one future program with an indicator such that the indicator indicates the selected at least one future program action.

10.   The machine-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the indicator is an action-descriptive icon.

11.   The machine-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the future program actions menu comprises features selected from the group consisting of a return feature, allowing user to navigate back to preference menu, and a help feature, allowing user to

navigate to several dependent help categories, the features being able to be selected by a user.

12. The machine-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the selected at least one future program is indicated by highlighting.

13. The machine-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the future program actions menu is displayed in a popup window on the monitor display screen.

14. The machine-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the selected at least one future program action includes actions selected from the group consisting of recording the selected at least one future program, notifying the user of the display schedule of the selected at least one future program, and preventing the display of the selected at least one future program.

15. The machine-readable medium of claims 14, wherein the start and/or stop times of the selected at least one future program action does not match the start and/or stop times of the selected at least one future program.

16. The machine-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the future program actions menu includes a source option such the selected future program action will affect all future programs from a user-specified source.

17. A system for indicating future program action comprising:
an input to receive user input; and
a display to display programs and a processor coupled to the input and the display, the processor configured to provide future program information for a plurality of future programs, at least one future program being selected by a user, provide, on a future program actions menu, a plurality of future program actions for the selected future program, at least one future program action being selected by the user, receive the selected at least one future program and the selected at least one future program action from the user, and display the future program information of the selected

at least one future program with an indicator such that the indicator indicates the selected at least one future program action.

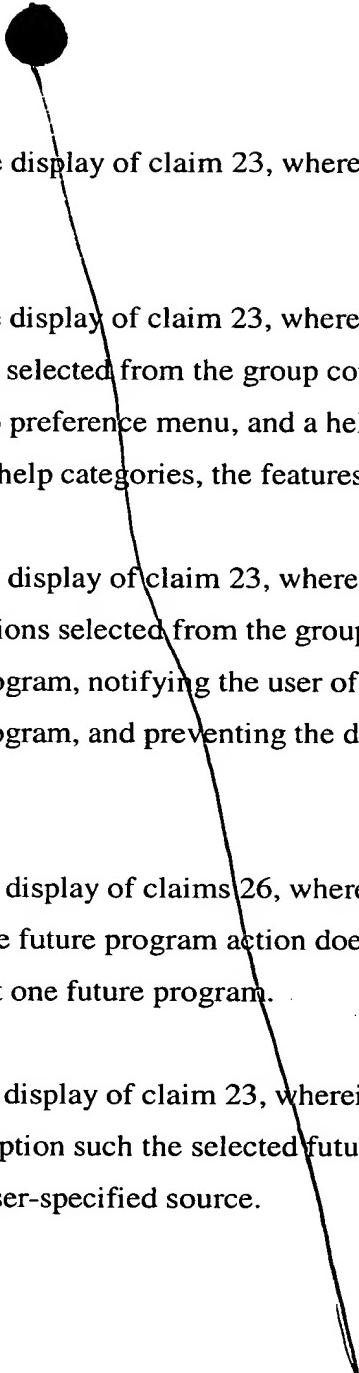18.   The system of claim 17, wherein the indicator is an action-descriptive icon.

19.   The system of claim 17, wherein the future program actions menu comprises features selected from the group consisting of a return feature, allowing user to navigate back to preference menu, and a help feature, allowing user to navigate to several dependent help categories, the features being able to be selected by a user.

20.   The system of claim 17, wherein the selected at least one future program action includes actions selected from the group consisting of recording the selected at least one future program, notifying the user of the display schedule of the selected at least one future program, and preventing the display of the selected at least one future program.

21.   The system of claim 20, wherein the start and/or stop times of the selected at least one future program action does not match the start and/or stop times of the selected at least one future program.

22.   The system of claim 17, wherein the future program actions menu includes a source option such the selected future program action will affect all future programs from a user-specified source.

23.   A display for indicating future program action comprising:
        a first image to provide future program information for a plurality of future programs, at least one future program selected by the user;
        a second image comprising a future program actions menu including a plurality of future program actions for the selected at least one future program; and
        at least one third image comprising the future program information having a future program action indicated.

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24.   The display of claim 23, wherein the indicator is an action-descriptive icon.

25.   The display of claim 23, wherein the future program actions menu comprises features selected from the group consisting of a return feature, allowing user to navigate back to preference menu, and a help feature, allowing user to navigate to several dependent help categories, the features being able to be selected by a user.

26.   The display of claim 23, wherein the selected at least one future program action includes actions selected from the group consisting of recording the selected at least one future program, notifying the user of the display schedule of the selected at least one future program, and preventing the display of the selected at least one future program.

27.   The display of claims 26, wherein the start and/or stop times of the selected at least one future program action does not match the start and/or stop times of the selected at least one future program.

28.   The display of claim 23, wherein the future program actions menu includes a source option such the selected future program action will affect all future programs from a user-specified source.

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